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In re Application of:

Brask

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR SELECTIVELY ETCHING METAL
FILMS AND STRUCTURES

Examiner: Kathleen Duda

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, RCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.114 AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Examiner:

This is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and an Interview Summary in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 25, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed September 7, 2007. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the Terminal Disclaimers filed with the Amendment on August 27, 2007 were approved because they overcame the double patenting rejections over prior patents US 6,974,764 and US 7,129,182. For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of the two Terminal Disclaimers filed on August 27, 2007 are attached. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the following remarks.

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Interview Summary (Statement of the Substance of the Interview)

During a telephone interview on September 13, 2007 between Michael A. Bernadicou, Justin K. Brask and Examiner Kathleen Duda, support for claim amendments included herein was discussed. Also discussed was how claims 13, 14 and 16-25 are distinguished from the prior art, as further detailed below. The Applicants would like to extend their gratitude to the Examiner for her willingness to hold the telephone interview.